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over again? When the sexual registration fine tuning comes up, are we going to argue that whole philosophic thing again? I mean we can...we can go on and on and on second guessing our decisions from earlier but the way to really do that is to file a bill to repeal the program, and Senator Brashear, I think, had a bill in Government Committee this year doing essentially that, and it was rejected by the Government Committee. So what we have now is the campaign finance reform act. It's in place. It's a good act, contrary to what Senator Brashear says, and...and we will go on about that. It's highly supported by the public. I doubt if you've ever gotten a letter from the public saying I don't want this. The political parties, the Democratic party and the Republican party, the very activist types in those parties don't like this, particularly, but generally speaking across the broad population, they do like it. Nationally, campaign finance reform, everybody has identified money as a problem in politics and you and I know it's a problem. It's a matter of how we do the balancing here. the point is, we have the law. Almost always in this Legislature, when we have the law, we then, in good faith, do our best to make the law work like it should work and to make it effective and to do what we can go to fine tune it so that it is all that it can be. And that's all I'm asking today. This is not a revolutionary bill. This is a minor bill that if it were on a hundred different topics would have taken us five minutes. But, no, we have to rehash the entire campaign finance reform act and the whole law. Well, we can do that. That's Senator Brashear's right to do. I'm sorry it's going to take all this I wish there was some way I could avoid that. I didn't want that, and I would ask Senator Brashear to reconsider on the...on the tactics that he is taking on this kind of a particular bill. So I would just ask us all to think about what's going on here, and whether this is the ...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...sort of thing we want going on on every act to which there is some group of people in the Legislature who don't agree with the original philosophic basis...bases of the act. Thank you.